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ATTENTION: MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventors: **Yong Hua Zhu, et al.**

For: **DEVICE FOR CLOSING TISSUE OPENINGS**


Enclosed are:

- (X) This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/794,951, filed February 26, 2001, which claims priority to Provisional Application No. 60/184,627, filed February 24, 2000. The entirety of both priority applications are hereby incorporated by reference.
- (X) 22 sheets of drawing.
- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) Form PTO-1449 listing 32 references (none of which are enclosed).
- (X) A power of attorney form and copy of assignment.
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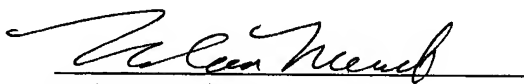
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